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## TRISTATE MINERS AFTER MORE WAGES.

Convention Will Meet at Pittsburg, Kas., Thursday, to Formulate Demands.

## OPERATORS WILL RESIST.

Spirited Contest, in Which Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Indian Territory Are Interested, Is Expected.

## REPUBLIC SPECIAL.

Topeka, Kas., July 6.—One of the most important miners' conventions ever held in the West will meet at Pittsburg, Kas., next Thursday, when 500 delegates, representing the Tristate Association, will demand an increase in the wage scale of about 12 per cent.

This association is composed of all the miners of bituminous coal in Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and the Indian Territory. In this district there are probably 500 coal mines. Of these about 100 comprise the great soft coal producers west of the Mississippi river. Pittsburg is selected for the convention because of its central location. Southeastern Kansas being one of the important coal fields of the United States.

Following the miners' convention the operators of the States named will meet at Pittsburg to confer with the delegates representing the miners, and to agree, if possible, on a scale of wages to be paid during the year beginning September 1. These conferences between the miners and operators are held every year, and frequently they last a month. Two years ago the conference was adjourned from Pittsburg to Kansas City, and it was in session for the year beginning September 1. These conferences between the miners and operators from both organizations adjusted the differences and the miners all over the district went to work.

## MINERS EXPECT TO WIN.

In the forthcoming conference there will be contention and strife, but in the end there seems to be but one solution. The scale of wages fixed in the district composed of Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, Indiana and Illinois will prevail at Pittsburg. Recently the conference in the central district agreed to an advance in wages of 10 per cent, and, as President John Mitchell of the United Mine Workers' Association of the United States, who is attending the conference, said, "It does not seem probable that the operators will be able to keep down that percentage. President Mitchell will be at Pittsburg to give direction to the miners' convention."

The operators have been granting increases in the wage scale regularly during the past ten years, and they will probably have to yield again at Pittsburg. The miners' convention, which meets on the 9th, will be in session three or four days before the operators adjust the differences and the miners all over the district went to work.

## OPERATORS' POSITION.

When the operators meet, the same routine will be carried out with reference to a committee to meet with the miners' committee. If these two committees cannot agree then a joint conference between all the delegates and operators is held and the battle is fought in the open. The operators are strongly opposed to the advance in wages, and they point to the present high price of coal as a reason why the miners are not to be granted a raise. They declare, also, that the miners are en-

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## RUDOLPH ESCAPES JAIL AND IS NOW AT LIBERTY.

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Just run through the house. He had entered the kitchen door, walked through the dining-room, made his way to the hall, and then ran out the front door.

Mrs. Dawson and her children were entertaining Mrs. Louis A. Bohn and her children. All saw Rudolph run through the house.

**ST. BERNARD PUPPY ATTACKS FLEEING MAN.**

Mrs. Dawson's mother, who is 58 years old, was alone in the kitchen. Her attention was first attracted by the growling of a dog.

Jailer Dawson recently purchased a St. Bernard puppy. The dog is about 1 year old. When the aged woman looked up she saw a man at the door, the dog clinging to his trousers' leg.

"A prisoner is escaping," she exclaimed, but not loud enough to be heard in the front room distinctly.

Mrs. Dawson, thinking that her mother was calling, went out into the hall just in time to see Rudolph run toward the door. At first she believed he was one of the painters or carpenters who have been working around the house. But as Rudolph reached the door it dawned upon her that it was a prisoner escaping. She shouted for help. Her daughter, Mary, ran to the front door and told her father of the escape.

## RUNS INTO RAILROAD YARDS FOR SAFETY.

Rudolph had kicked the St. Bernard from his leg. The dog's action is believed to have been more in play than anything else. Once outside the jail's house, Rudolph ran across Eleventh and Spruce streets to a vacant lot, back of the Paddock-Hawley Iron Company and other Cupples Station warehouses, into the railroad yards.

No fewer than 100 persons must have seen him, but none made an attempt to stop him. He was seen by a number of persons, but he was an escaping prisoner.

The alarm was quickly sounded through the Four Courts.

**BILL RUDOLPH SECURED ABOUT FIVE MINUTES' START.**

Rudolph, however, probably had been outside the jail five minutes before the report of his escape reached the offices of Jailer Dawson, Chief Kieley and Chief Desmond.

Half a dozen detectives, among them Killian, Greely, Harrington, Schmidt, McCarthy and Chief Desmond were in the office.

Chief Kieley and his stenographer, Roscoe T. Shaw, and his office clerks, Talmage, Walton and Ballard, heard the report simultaneously. All hastened to the street.

Killian led the chase, but he never caught sight of Rudolph. Inquiring as he ran from every person he met, Killian traced Rudolph to Eleventh and Spruce streets. Here all trace of the prisoner was lost.

## NEWSPAPERS JOIN IN CHASE AFTER RUDOLPH.

Jailer Dawson, a dozen more detectives and several newspaper men followed closely behind Detective Killian. Every box car in the vicinity was searched, but Rudolph had made good his escape.

Chief Kieley telephoned to all police stations, ordering the Captains to send every available man to the river front, and orders were issued to capture Rudolph dead or alive.

Telephone messages were sent to East St. Louis, Belleville and all railroad stations, north, south and west of the city.

The Pinkerton agency, whose men captured Rudolph, was notified and men were sent from the offices in the Wainwright building, to aid in the search.

## DETECTIVES GUARD BRIDGES AND FERRIS.

Probably 200 persons followed the detectives and uniformed policemen and aided in the search, but none saw Rudolph after he entered the railroad yards.

Detectives were sent immediately to the boat landings and to the bridges. Several were sent across the bridge to East St. Louis by Chief Desmond.

At first it was reported that two men had escaped. Every one believed it was George Collins, Rudolph's partner, in crime, who had gotten away, but he was found locked safely in his cell. Investigation showed that Rudolph was the only prisoner who escaped, although Burke had attempted to gain his freedom.

## STATEMENT BY WOMAN WHO SAW THE ESCAPE.

Albert Funk, Charles Nordman, R. H. Thompson, Mrs. Michael Doran and Madeleine Ritter probably had the best view of Rudolph as he climbed over the jail roof and jumped to the chapel roof, thence to the ledge and down to the ground.

The statements of the witnesses agree as to how the escape was accomplished, after the desperate young man got outside the skylight. Mrs. Doran, having witnessed it from an elevated position, probably is better fitted to speak of it. She said:

"I was sitting at the window upstairs, with my child, who is ill. My attention was attracted to a tapping on the jail roof. I looked up and saw a man dressed in black, with a black hat on. He carried what I thought was a black bag."

"I had often seen men on the jail roof working and paid no attention to this one at first. Suddenly, however, I was attracted by his strange actions. His movements were stealthy and he seemed afraid of falling."

## HELD SPELLBOUND BY PRISONER'S DARING.

"As I watched him he came around to the south wall and was just across the street from me. He took a single glance downward to the chapel roof and then jumped."

"His daring, however, held me spellbound. The jump seemed to stun him. He bent over, as if his back was hurt, and he seemed unable to stand erect. He probably was on the chapel roof two minutes before he dropped to the ground."

"We lived here when 'Skipper' Rohan made his escape in the same manner, and witnessed that. We did not see Rudolph come out of the jail's house, but knew that was the best way for him to get out after reaching the yard."

## JAILER DAWSON FINDS RUDOLPH'S FINGERPRINT.

Jailer Dawson, while searching the yard, found an old shirt with the sleeves tied tightly together. It was lying just beneath the spot where Mrs. Doran says Rudolph took his last leap. It probably was the shirt, which she believed to be a sack.

R. H. Thompson, secretary of the J. A. Holmes Lumber Company, whose office is on the southwest corner of Eleventh and Spruce streets, saw Rudolph escape.

"It was about 4:45," said Mr. Thompson, "when I noticed a man on the roof of the Four Courts. He had something white in his hand, that looked like it might have been a shirt."

"He dropped from the roof of the Four Courts to a roof about fifteen or twenty feet below. He fell about half way on his side and when he got up he seemed to have hurt himself. He did not stop, however, but dropped from the roof of the lower building to the ground."

## CITIZEN TELEPHONED WARNING TO THE POLICE.

"He then ran toward the jailer's house and made his escape to the street. Having gained the street he ran toward the railroad tracks and disappeared. I immediately telephoned Chief Desmond's office and told what I had seen."

"Jailer Dawson came out of the Four Courts shortly afterwards and I showed him

## NOISE OF FIREWORKS FRIGHTENS LITTLE FLOOD REFUGEE TO DEATH.

Three-Months-Old Arthur Meyers Escapes the High Water at Madison, to Receive a Fatal Shock From the Celebration of Fourth of July in St. Louis.



Three-months-old baby, whose death is attributed to fright caused by fireworks on July 4.

After passing safely through the perils of the flood at Madison, Ill., Arthur Meyers, a three-months-old baby of Mrs. Minnie Meyers, died from fright from the noise of fireworks on the Fourth of July in St. Louis. His death occurred Sunday afternoon following a collapse during the excitement and noise of the day before.

Since her flight from the flood-stricken district across the river, Mrs. Meyers had made her home with Mrs. Eva Cumberland at No. 369 North Ninth street. Being compelled to go out to work she made arrangements to have the baby cared for at the Salvation Army Nursery, No. 1211 South Broadway.

Friday, when she made her daily call on the Nursery to see her baby she found him

only a daring dash for liberty, like that of Rudolph's, as a means of getting beyond its steel bars and brick walls.

Several years ago Noble Shepherd, who was awaiting execution for the murder of a houseboatman, got out of the jail without having to resort to the roof.

Shepherd was in his cell. Something got the matter with the water pipes and it became necessary to dig a trench under the wall to get to the ring, which extends all the way around the jail, back of the cells.

Knowing the trench had been dug, Shepherd in some way obtained tools with which he cut the bolts on a plate of his cell.

Then, when the back of a guard was turned, he crawled through the hole left by the removal of the plate, climbed down into the trench and made his way to the jail yard. He easily scaled the fence and ran away. He has not been captured.

"Skipper" Rohan's escape was similar to that of Rudolph yesterday. Two prisoners started a fight to attract the attention of the guards, while he climbed to the roof and let himself down to the yard and out through the jailer's house.

## GEORGE MILLER CLIMBED THROUGH A COAL HOLE.

About three weeks ago George Miller alias Williams, a negro burglar, who had been placed in the jail to assist in carrying coal and scrubbing, got away.

Miller had been taken to the kitchen to scrub. He evaded the guard sent to watch him and making his way to the coal cellar, is supposed to have reached Eleventh street, through a coal hole.

Some time ago Jailer Dawson discovered a plot of prisoners to escape. Buck McKay, a safe blower and murderer, with another prisoner had started to dig a hole through the wall in the fumigating room when they were discovered. It was believed that Rudolph and Collins were also in this plot.

A dungeon is built in the jail into which prisoners who violate rules are sometimes placed for several hours. It has been little used recently, but if any prisoner is found to have assisted Rudolph in getting away he probably will spend some time in the dark room.

Burke, who tried to get away with Rudolph, will begin his solitary confinement to-day.

## EXCITING CAREER OF UNION BANK ROBBERS, RUDOLPH AND COLLINS.

On the morning of December 27 the National Bank of Union, Mo., was blown open by two masked men, who were later identified as William Rudolph and Fred Lewis, alias Collins. The men secured \$15,000 in cash and \$125,000 in nonnegotiable paper.

After blowing the safe the men made their escape and although pursued by posse for several days, no trace of them was found.

When next heard of the Union Bank robbers had been the central figures in a fight in a lonely section of Central Missouri; had killed a Pinkerton detective, routed a posse of four men and again escaped, leaving no trail, although the ground at that time was covered with snow. This was on January 24.

Working alone after the bank robbery investigation had been given up by the county authorities, Charles J. Schumacher, a Pinkerton detective, had succeeded in locating the men that looted the Union Bank.

In the guise of a hunter he had visited them in their place of hiding; had conversed with them and thinking that they had failed to penetrate his disguise, had returned with a small posse to arrest them.

After the killing of Schumacher, a Pinkerton agency stated, through Robert Pinkerton, that "the world is not large enough to hide the murderer of a Pinkerton man."

In accordance with its usual custom, the best men in the employ of the combined

agencies, were assigned to the case, and Rudolph and Collins were captured at Hartford, Conn.

Collins was easily taken while standing in front of the house, where the men had been living, but Rudolph was only secured after a stiff fight. Rudolph stated afterwards that he had been able to reach his revolver, "there would have been a different story to tell."

The men were brought back to St. Louis under a heavy guard and were later taken to Union, Mo., where they were arraigned on the charge of having murdered Charles J. Schumacher.

The men waited a preliminary examination and the trial was set for July 13, just one week from the day Rudolph succeeded in breaking the St. Louis jail.

The fall at Union in a small brick affair and the Sheriff of Washington County was loath to keep two such dangerous men, as he feared an attempt at rescue, or that the men would succeed in making their escape.

Consequently, Rudolph and Collins were ordered taken to St. Louis for safe keeping until the trial, next Monday.

About a month ago a newspaper addressed to Collins was searched by the local jail officials and a half dozen fine steel saws were found. An investigation was made, but it could not be learned who sent the saws.

## SAYS RUDOLPH'S FACE WAS CUT AND BLEEDING.

In making his escape to the railroad yards, Rudolph ran through the Terminal freight sheds, which were crowded with freight handlers and several men. His face was cut on the right side and blood was flowing from the wound. He ran in among the sheds and out into the freight yards.

This was shortly before 5 o'clock. None of those who saw him attached special significance to the incident, until it was heard that the Union Bank robber had made his escape from the Four Courts.

"A man, who I now know was Rudolph, ran through the Terminal freight sheds yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock," said J. F. Evans, "The wagons were backed up to the freight house, receiving freight, and the man ran through the sheds within a few feet of several freight handlers and myself.

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## BOY WITH MANY WEAPONS MISTAKEN FOR RUDOLPH.

The finding of William Dougherty, a boy 13 years old, in an unconcealed condition at the junction of the Missouri Pacific tracks and Grand avenue, with a pistol, a belt containing fifty cartridges, and a knife with a blade four inches long, yesterday evening, created the impression that he might be Rudolph.

Dougherty had fallen from a westbound Missouri Pacific train and was unconscious. He was taken to the City Hospital by Police-  
man Meany of the Eighth District.

Shortly afterward one of Chief Desmond's force, who knows Rudolph, was sent to the hospital to identify the young fellow. The detective asked to see the boy, but declined to state for what reason. He was taken to the division to which the boy had been assigned and looked at him carefully.

"No, that's not Rudolph," was his verdict. "We thought from the fact that the boy had an arsenal of weapons and fell from a westbound train while trying to board it that he might be Rudolph. He doesn't look much like a train robber, but he had enough on him to fit one out."

The Swift Packing Company of East St. Louis.

The out-of-town guests were Misses Anna and Della Vogt, sisters, and Harry Vogt, brother of the bridegroom; Mrs. J. J. Fox, Master Harry Fox, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Fox, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Horn, Master Ben Horn, Miss Mabel McCann, all of St. Louis, and Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Halliwell and daughter, Mary, of Dahlberg.

**PINKERTONS ARE DETERMINED TO RECAPTURE BILL RUDOLPH.**

"We will capture 'Bill' Rudolph, dead or alive, and will certainly avenge the death of Detective Charles J. Schumacher, who was murdered by him and his partner, Fred Lewis, alias Collins, near Union, Mo., last December."

This statement was made last night to the Republic by G. D. Charlesworth, assistant superintendent of the Pinkerton Detective Agency, located in the Wainwright building.

He also stated that every man on hand had received instructions to watch each outgoing train and every possible avenue of escape from St. Louis.

Telegrams have been sent to the offices of every Pinkerton agency in the United States, ordering them to look for and intercept Rudolph.

Charlesworth believes that it will only be a few days before Rudolph is captured. When asked if he thought he would be taken alive, he said:

"Rudolph is probably heavily armed, and if surrounded will doubtless put up a very game fight. He will be captured, though, even if we have to kill him."

The trial of Lewis and Rudolph is set for next Monday at Union, Mo. Charlesworth thinks that Rudolph will be captured in time to stand trial.

**SHERIFF AND DEPUTIES GUARD COUNTY ROADS.**

Sheriff Edmund C. Hencken of St. Louis County and his deputies guarded the roads around Fenton and other points along the Meramec River last night, hoping to find Rudolph.

It is the Sheriff's opinion that the fellow will break for the hills of Southern Missouri.

Hencken also telephoned the Sheriff of Franklin County, in addition to asking every Constable in St. Louis County, to look for the fugitive.

**WANTED WEDDING SUPPRESSED**

St. Louis Couple in Hurry to Be Married at St. Charles.

St. Charles, Mo., July 6.—Charles F. Smith, who gave his age as 23 years, and Miss Dorothy O'Neill, aged 19, both of St. Louis, came to this city Saturday evening and were in a big hurry to get married. The County Clerk's office was closed, and they secured a buggy and drove out to the home of Mr. Dierker, the County Recorder. He came in and issued the license for them.

About 8:30 o'clock Justice Fred Knook performed the ceremony. The couple refused to give their names, saying they did not want it in the papers. The Justice also refused to disclose their identity and stated that he had promised them to keep the marriage quiet.

Evidently they were elopers.

**VOGT-HALLOWELL NUPTIALS.**

St. Louis Man Weds a Mount Vernon Girl.

Mount Vernon, Ill., July 6.—Miss Velma Lavern Halliwell of this city was married to Mr. George Lewis Vogt of St. Louis at noon to-day. Mr. Vogt has a position with

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